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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

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| Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support |) | WC Docket No. 09-197 |
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| Connect America Fund |) | WC Docket No. 10-90 |
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| NTELOS Petition for Modification of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Service Area |) | |
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To: The Commission

**PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER SERVICE AREA**

By this petition, Virginia PCS Alliance, LC, and Richmond 20 MHz LLC dba NTELOS (collectively, “NTELOS”) request modification of their eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) service area in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Pursuant to a transaction previously approved by the Commission, NTELOS has sold its spectrum licenses for the eastern portion of Virginia to T-Mobile USA, Inc., and is in the process of discontinuing service to its CMRS customers in that area. NTELOS therefore seeks modification of its ETC service area to reflect only those areas in western Virginia where NTELOS has retained its spectrum licenses and will continue to serve customers.

The Commission designated NTELOS as an ETC in Virginia in 2005,¹ for a service territory that includes wire centers from a number of non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers

¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Virginia PCS Alliance, L.C. and Richmond 20 MHz LLC dba NTELOS, Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Commonwealth of Virginia*, 20 FCC Rcd 10716 (WCB 2005) (“*NTELOS Designation Order*”).

(“ILECs”).² Earlier this year, the Commission approved a transaction in which NTELOS assigned certain spectrum licenses to T-Mobile constituting NTELOS’s service territory in the eastern portion of the state of Virginia, including territory where NTELOS had been designated as an ETC.³ The transaction did *not* include the sale of NTELOS’s customer base. Instead, NTELOS implemented a transition plan for its subscribers in these markets over an almost twelve-month period, with a final shut down date of November 15, 2015.

During this transition period, NTELOS has continued to provide a quality network experience to its subscribers, while also providing ample advance notice about its plans to discontinue operations. NTELOS has informed subscribers of the need to transition service to another carrier of their choice prior to the targeted shut down date.⁴ As of the end of August 2015, nearly 70 percent of NTELOS’s customers had transitioned to other providers, and progress continues.

As a result of this transfer, NTELOS hereby requests modification of its ETC service area to exclude the areas where it no longer holds a spectrum license to provide service and where it

² *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Virginia PCS Alliance, L.C. and Richmond 20 MHz LLC dba NTELOS, Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Commonwealth of Virginia*, 20 FCC Rcd 11016 (WCB 2005) (“NTELOS ETC Area Order”).

³ *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Assignment of License Authorization Applications, Transfer of Control of Licensee Applications, De Facto Transfer Lease Applications and Spectrum Manager Lease Notifications, Designated Entity Reportable Eligibility*, Public Notice, Report No. 10276 (Feb. 11, 2015), available at https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-331966A1.pdf.

⁴ NTELOS has facilitated these transitions by, among other things, waiving early termination fees, and allowing customers to access the trade-in value of their equipment. For its pre-paid subscribers, NTELOS has taken steps to reduce the dollar amounts that can be added to accounts so that customers will not have large balances in place as the shut-down date approaches, and will facilitate a process for customers seeking a refund of prepaid amounts.

in fact no longer will provide service to customers once the transition is completed over the next several weeks.

The list of ILEC wire centers where NTELOS will continue to provide service is attached to this pleading as Exhibit A. NTELOS requests that its ETC service area be modified to include only these wire centers.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A
Wire Centers in Revised ETC Service Area

| ILEC Name | Wire Center | Wire Center Name | County |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Verizon South (Contel) | AMHRVAXA | Amherst | Amherst |
| Verizon South (Contel) | APMTVAXA | Appomattox | Appomattox |
| Verizon South (Contel) | BRWRVAXA | Bridgewater | Rockingham |
| Verizon South (Contel) | BRWYVAXA | Broadway | Rockingham |
| Verizon South (Contel) | DYTNVAXA | Dayton | Rockingham |
| Verizon South (Contel) | EDOMVAXA | Edom | Rockingham |
| Verizon South (Contel) | EKTNVAXA | Elkton | Rockingham |
| Verizon South (Contel) | GRTSVAXA | Grottoes | Rockingham |
| Verizon South (Contel) | HRBGVAXA | Harrisonburg | Rockingham |
| Verizon South (Contel) | KZTWVAXA | Keezletown | Rockingham |
| Verizon South (Contel) | MGVLVAXA | Mcgaheysville | Rockingham |
| Verizon South (Contel) | RPHNVAXA | Raphine | Rockbridge |
| Verizon South (Contel) | WVCYVAXA | Weyers Cave | Rockingham |
| Verizon Virginia | BCHNVABH | Buchanan | Botetourt |
| Verizon Virginia | BDFRVABD | Bedford | Bedford |
| Verizon Virginia | BEVLVABV | Berryville | Clark |
| Verizon Virginia | BLBGVABB | Blacksburg | Montgomery |
| Verizon Virginia | CHHMOVACH | Chatham | Pittsylvania |
| Verizon Virginia | CRBGVACB | Christiansburg | Montgomery |
| Verizon Virginia | DAVLVADA | Danville | Pittsylvania |
| Verizon Virginia | DAVLVAFP | Danville- Franklin Pike | Pittsylvania |
| Verizon Virginia | DAVLVAWE | Danville- Westover | Pittsylvania |
| Verizon Virginia | DBLNVADU | Dublin | Pulaski |

| ILEC Name | Wire Center | Wire Center Name | County |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Verizon Virginia | GNWDVAGW | Greenwood | Albemarle |
| Verizon Virginia | LVTNVALN | Lovington | Nelson |
| Verizon Virginia | LYBGVACH | Lynchburg- Church St | Campbell |
| Verizon Virginia | LYBGVACV | Lynchburg- Clearview | Campbell |
| Verizon Virginia | LYBGVAMH | Lynchburg- Madison Heights | Campbell |
| Verizon Virginia | LYBGVANL | Lynchburg- New London Rd | Campbell |
| Verizon Virginia | LYBGVAOF | Lynchburg- Old Forest Rd | Campbell |
| Verizon Virginia | LYBGVATM | Lynchburg- Timberlake | Campbell |
| Verizon Virginia | LYBGVAYB | Lynchburg- Yellow Branch | Campbell |
| Verizon Virginia | MDSNVAMA | Madison | Madison |
| Verizon Virginia | PNRVVAPR | Piney River | Nelson |
| Verizon Virginia | RDFRVARA | Radford | Montgomery |
| Verizon Virginia | RONKVABK | Roanoke- Barkley | Roanoke |
| Verizon Virginia | RONKVABS | Roanoke- Bonsack | Roanoke |
| Verizon Virginia | RONKVACS | Roanoke- Cave Spring | Roanoke |
| Verizon Virginia | RONKVACV | Roanoke- Cove Rd | Roanoke |
| Verizon Virginia | RONKVAGC | Roanoke- Garden City | Roanoke |
| Verizon Virginia | RONKVALK | Roanoke- Luck Av | Roanoke |
| Verizon Virginia | SALMVAFL | Salem- Fort Lewis | Roanoke |
| Verizon Virginia | SALMVAMC | Salem- Mason Cove | Roanoke |
| Verizon Virginia | SALMVASA | Salem | Roanoke |
| Verizon Virginia | STCYVASC | Stephens City | Frederick |
| Verizon Virginia | STDRVASD | Stuarts Draft | Augusta |
| Verizon Virginia | STTNVAST | Staunton | Augusta |
| Verizon Virginia | STTNVAVE | Staunton- Verona | Augusta |

| ILEC Name | Wire Center | Wire Center Name | County |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Verizon Virginia | WNCHVANM | Winchester- North Mountain | Frederick |
| Verizon Virginia | WNCHVAWC | Winchester | Frederick |
| Verizon Virginia | WNTRVAWG | Wintergreen | Nelson |